

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

What's Inside:

Introduction of the FCARSTC contract and clarification of training requirements for providers serving children with elevated behavioral and emotional needs

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: FCARSTC CONTRACT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS SERVING CHILDREN WITH ELEVATED BEHAVIORAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS

DISCUSSION:

The new contract for resource provider training is being awarded November 1, 2009. The Foster Care and Adoption Resource Services, Technical Assistance, and Consultation contract, FCARSTC, replaces the Foster Care and Adoption Resource Services contract, FCARS, and the Specialized Foster Care Training services (Career and Behavioral) contract.

The Child Welfare Manual has been updated to include the training requirements for those resource providers serving children with elevated behavioral and emotional needs.

A result of the new contract is policy regarding frequency of STARS training. Previous policy stated that STARS sessions are limited to one a week and each session is to be conducted in a 3-hour block. Policy has been revised allowing for more than one session to occur a day, however, the 9 sessions must be taught over a minimum of three (3) dates.

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS Section 4 Chapter 14 Subsection 1 Section 4 Chapter 16 Subsection 8 Section 6 Chapter 2 Subsection 4
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES N/A
RELATED STATUTE N/A
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE Licensing of Foster Family Homes, 13 CSR 35-60
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A
PROTECTIVE FACTORS Parental Resilience, N/A Social Connections, N/A Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need, N/A Social and Emotional Competence of Children, N/A
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A